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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP FISHERY UPDATE

Sitka . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information to assist harvesters and processors involved in the Southeast Alaska pot shrimp fishery. This notification is for information only and is expected to change as the fishing fleet moves from previously closed districts. Specific closure announcements will generally occur for each district two or three days prior to the closure. Catch estimates are as of October 4, 2012. The next shrimp pot update will occur on **Thursday, October 11, 2012.**

District 1: Estimated harvest: 8,000 pounds, 42,000 pounds remaining. Sections of District 1 will close on Sunday, October 21, and the remainder of District 1 will close on Wednesday, November 7 if the GHJ has not been reached.

District 2: Estimated harvest: 15,000 pounds, 50,000 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season could close between October 13 and October 19.

Section 3A: Estimated harvest: 18,000 pounds, 77,000 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season could close between October 20 and October 25.

Section 3-B/C: Estimated harvest: 2,000 pounds, 28,000 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season could close between October 27 and November 4.

District 4: No reported harvest. The GHJ is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close on February 28, 2013.

District 5: No reported harvest. The GHJ is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close on February 28, 2013.

District 6: Estimated harvest: 15,000 pounds. District 6 is being managed under experimental inseason management. An adjusted GHJ and expected closure dates will be announced when more inseason data is available. The preseason GHJ is 32,000 pounds.

District 7: Estimated harvest: 15,000 pounds. District 7 is being managed under experimental inseason management. An adjusted GHJ and expected closure dates will be announced when more inseason data is available. The preseason GHJ is 63,700 pounds.

District 8: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season could close between October 20 and October 31.

District 9: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 14,000 pounds. It is estimated the season could close between October 9 and October 10. Fishermen are reminded that Eliza Harbor will close on or before Wednesday, October 10th at 4:00 p.m.

District 10: Estimated harvest: 22,000 pounds, 26,000 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season could close between October 7 and October 10.

District 11-Seymour Canal: Estimated harvest: 11,000 pounds. Seymour Canal is being managed by an experimental inseason spawner-index system. The fishery is being managed on the grounds and will close based on sampling being conducted on the grounds.

District 11-Remainder of District: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 7,500 pounds.

District 12-Tenakee: Closed.

District 12-Remainder of District: Closed.

Section 13-A/B: No reported harvest. The GHL is 15,000 pounds. Crawfish and West Crawfish Inlet will close Wednesday, October 10th and it is estimated that the remainder of the area could close between December 1 and December 15.

Section 13-C: Estimated harvest: 26,000 pounds. **Section 13-C will close at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 4, 2012.**

District 14: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 10,000 pounds.

District 15: No reported harvest. The GHL is 15,000 pounds.

District 16: No reported harvest. The GHL is 15,000 pounds.

Number of boats, week 40 (Sept 30-Oct 6). Data compiled October 4																		
District	1	2	3A	3B/C	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11RoD	11S	14	13A/B	13C	15	16
Boats	13	8	12	5	0	0	7	7	*	*	14	*	4	*	0	12	0	0
*Confidential																		
No information: Districts 15, 16																		
Closed: District 12.																		

All commercial shrimp fishermen are required to notify the department within two business days of deploying gear and within two business days after ceasing fishing in a district, or portion of a district, with a GHL. Catcher/Processor and Catcher/Seller vessels must call the Fish and Game area office that manages the district they are fishing and report catch information between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. once per week by 12:00 noon each Wednesday, every week they conduct fishing operations.

If warranted, the department may re-open a district 14 days after a closure, with a four-day notice. The estimate for when a district is to close may be highly variable. The redistribution of effort as the season progresses may greatly influence the daily harvest rates in districts.

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